**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 2023**

\*Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #120 vs. 1-4

Welcome & Announcements – Robin Michel

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle – Cheryl Tomkizwicz & Family

Prelude: “He Is Born” – Bell Ensemble

Reading: “A Christmas Letter from Jesus” – Sarah Gadarowski

Invitation to Worship:

Rejoice!

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;**

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light

has shined.
**For a child has been born for us,**
A son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;
**He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
*All: Emmanuel, God with Us!***

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer (debts)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 – Jon Burdeshaw

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” – Singing Ensemble

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: “Gabriel Was Sent By God”

\*Hymn: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” #125

Prayer Time

\*Hymn: “Joy to the World” #135 vs. 1,3 & 4

\*Benediction

Postlude: “Watchman of the Night” – Les Marsh

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26**

1I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

2I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

3You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

4‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Selah

19Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: “I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

20I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

21my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

22The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

23I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

24My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

25I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

26He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!’